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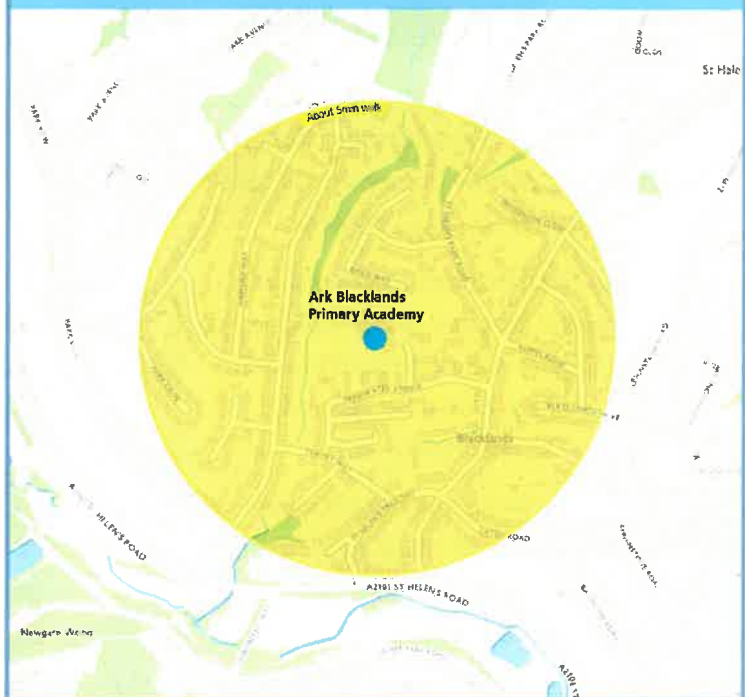
Newsletter - 19th March 2021

Wow! What a difference the road closure made to the start and end of the day this week! Huge thanks to everyone who shared their positive feedback verbally and to the super-friendly stewards who made it possible. It was so wonderful and calm and safe for the whole school community!

Please see the attached map which indicates a 5-minute walking zone around the school. If you do need to use the car in the morning, please try and park a little distance away from the school to avoid the congestion on Freshwater Avenue, Brading Close and other roads close to the school.

5 Minute Walking Zone

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Parking near the school site and considerate road use -

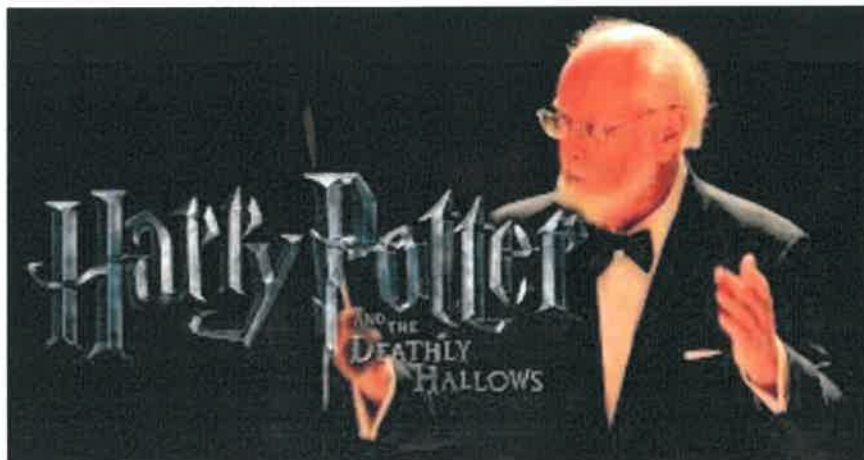
Dear Parents/Carers, We have been delighted by the positive response from so many of you about the Sustrans School Streets project which launched this week. School Streets aims to make the area outside our school gate safer and will make it easier for everyone to socially distance. To achieve this, Osborne Close will be closed to non-essential traffic between Monday 15th March to Thursday 1st April and Monday 19th April to Friday 7th May 2021 at school drop off and pick up times. The closure will be managed by trained stewards in high-visibility vests for approximately 1 hour on these days between 08:00-10:00 and 14:00-16:00. Whilst the positive impact for us all at the school gate is excellent, unfortunately we have now received a number of complaints from our neighbours regarding

inconsiderate, and often illegal, parking by parents accessing the school in the mornings and afternoons, including parking up on pavements and parking across private driveways. As with the majority of primary schools in the country, we do not have a 'parent' car park. If you do need to drive to drop off or collect your child please park considerately and ensure you are not obstructing drives, garages or access to roads. Please be respectful of our neighbours and remember that residents may be disabled or need to get out of their properties to get to and from work themselves. Whilst we are involved in the 6-week long School Streets project, we urge parents and carers to consider how they can support us to make the area around the school as safe as possible for everyone and maybe make some permanent changes to their journey to school. You can help us to ensure children have a happy and safe journey into school each morning by considering one of the following:

Walking wherever possible Not only is this a healthy way to get some exercise, but it supports the local community with congestion. In addition, it is much better for the environment.

Cycling or scooting. We have plenty of spaces to lock a bicycle or scooter inside the school gates.

Year 4



Year 4 are enjoying learning about one of their 2 chosen composers in music this term: John Williams.

They have listened to several of his orchestral pieces and were thrilled to recognise theme tunes from Star Wars, Harry Potter and Indiana Jones.

This week, they watched a performance of "Hedwig's Theme" from the BBC Proms and compared it to another Harry Potter piece: Christmas at Hogwarts.





Easter Menu

Wednesday 31st March 2021

Traditional Roast Chicken With Stuffing

Vegetarian Wellington

With Roast Potatoes & Gravy Peas & Carrots

Chocolate Drizzle Cake

Also Available: Jacket Potatoes With Choice Of Fillings

Salad Bar

Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt



Continuing Next week!

Osborne Close road closure

Get ready for School Streets 15th March to 1st April and 19th April to 7th May 2021. Ark Blacklands Primary is pleased to announce that we are one of six schools across the county taking part in the six week School Street trial. This will be in partnership with East Sussex County Council and the charity Sustrans. School Streets aims to make the area outside our school gate safer and will make it easier for everyone to socially distance.

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- ❖ Please support us by walking, cycling or scooting to and from school.
- ❖ If you do need to use a car, please park away from the school. It is important to be mindful of local residents by not obstructing driveways and public transport routes.
- ❖ Vehicles will still be present on the streets. Permitted drivers will be advised by stewards at the barriers to limit their speed through the restricted area.
- ❖ Parents/carers remain responsible for their children at all times. You must stay to supervise your child.



Info for parents

Ark Blacklands Primary Academy, Hastings, TN34 2HS (Osborne Close)

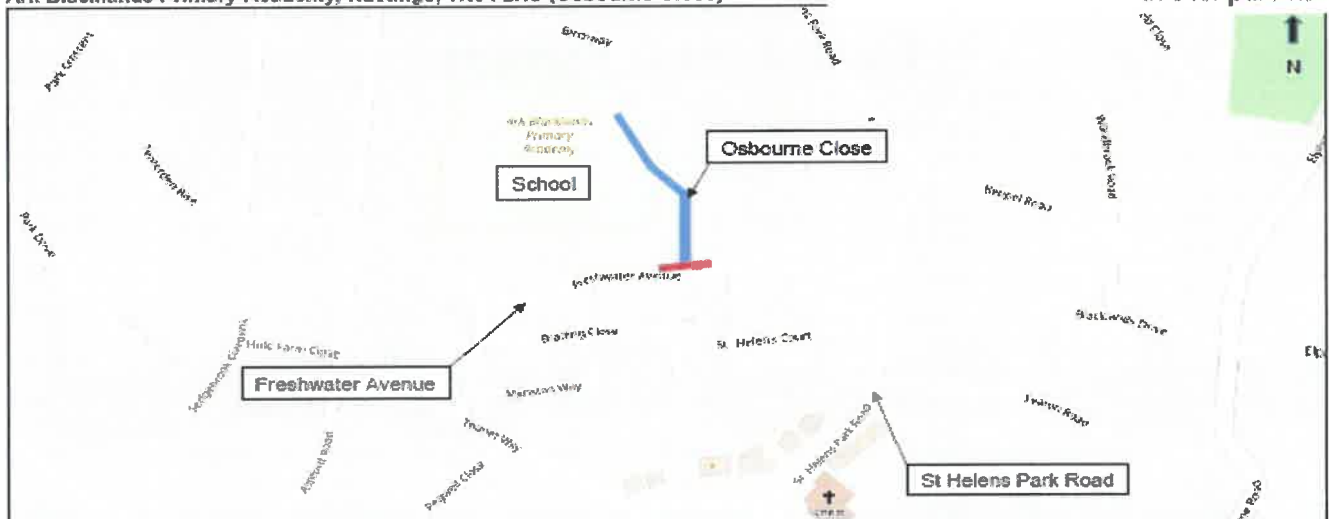


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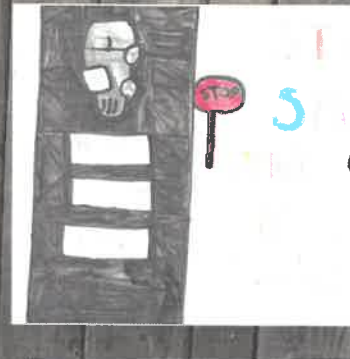
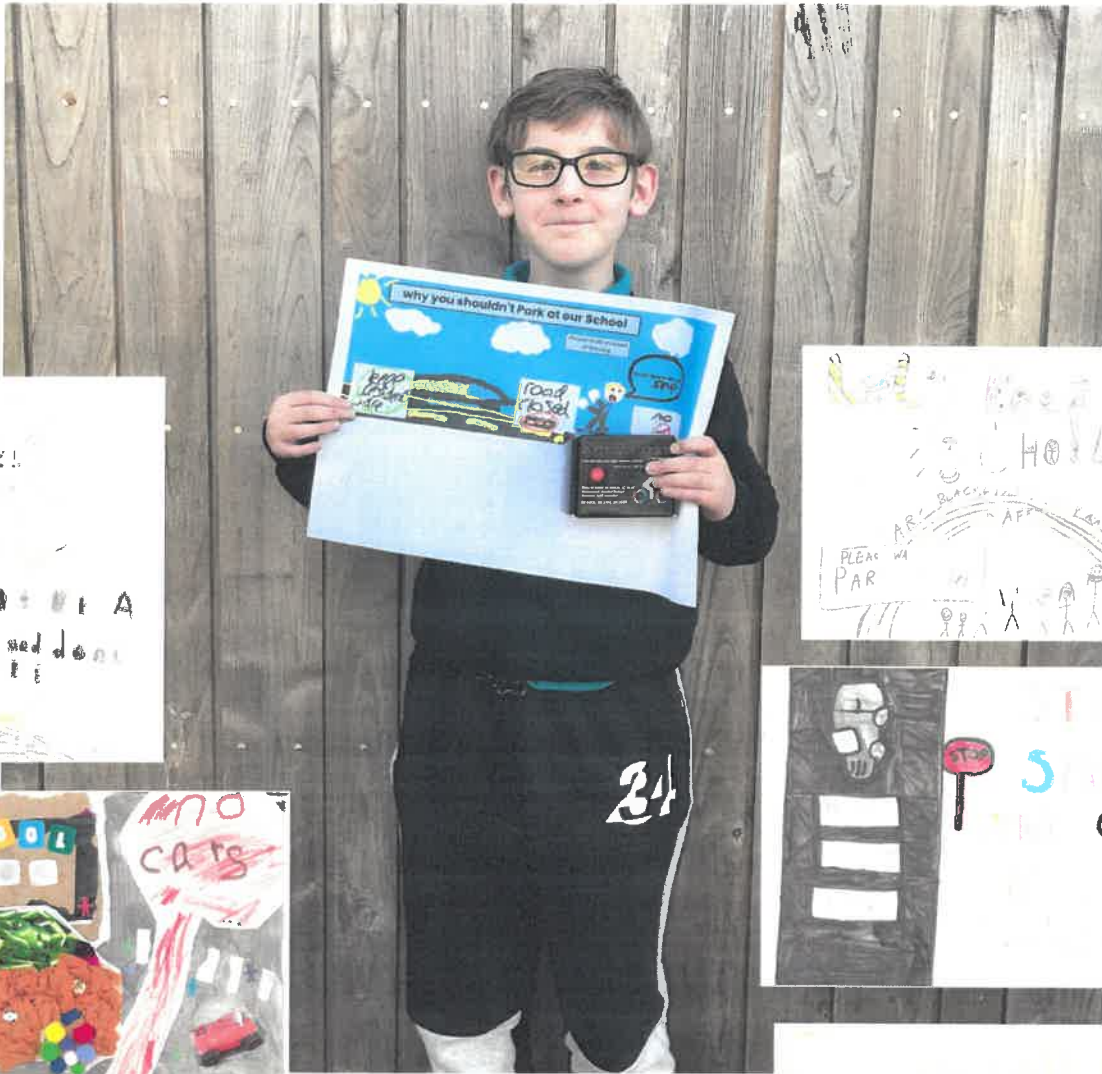
-  Pedestrian and cycle zone. Restricted vehicle access during School Streets operating times only.
-  Road barrier and stewards.

Please be considerate of local residents in the nearby area if you are driving to school and park your car thoughtfully.



Poster Competition

The winner of Sustrans Road Closure Competition is Liam.
Here he is holding his prize.
Well done Liam.



Term dates 2020—2022

Term dates 2020-21



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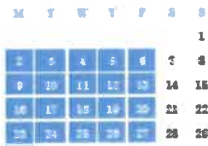
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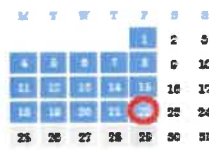
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This Week's Golden Tie Winners

Class	Pupil	Award	Class	Pupil	Award	Class	Pupil	Award
RNB	Thomas	Resilience	RNC	Harrison	Resilience	RJE	Eva	Courage
1KM	William	Determination	1JW	James	Determination	1OE	Leo	Resilience
2DJ	Emilia	Responsibility	2KB	Amelia	Independence	2MS	Olivia	Independence
3NL	Oliver	Responsibility	3RB	Amelia-May	Courage	3LA	Noah	Curiosity
4JC	Cameron	Aspiration	4PC	Oliver	Courage	4AM	Hazal	Determination
5DB	Caleb	Resilience	5HO	Ethan	Determination	5JM	Adam	Courage
6JG	Grace	Determination	6BT	Connor	Aspiration	6TS	Tyler	Determination

Each week every teacher will decide on a pupil to receive the 'Star of the Week' award. This can be awarded for any aspect of school life, but is for those pupils who have shown genuine commitment to the Academy Values / Habits of Success. The winner will be announced in year group assembly, and the winning pupil will then wear the 'Golden Tie,' for a whole week so that every member of the Academy community knows that they are the recipient of this prestigious award.

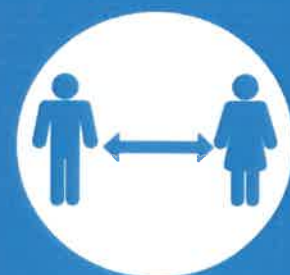
Please wear a face mask on school grounds and ensure partners and anyone picking up your child are aware that they should be wearing a face covering.



HANDS



FACE



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